

HEAD-QRS., DIST. OF THE UPPER ARKANSAS :

Fort Riley, Kansas, June 29th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 22.

Lieut. RICHARD W. JENKINS, 2nd Colorado Cavalry, with seven men of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry, and 7th Iowa Cavalry, while escorting the Mail Coach from Cow Creek Station, to Fort Zarah, Kansas, on the 11th inst., and when about four miles from the former station, was attacked by more than one hundred Indians, who rushed in upon him from all sides, wounding two of his men with their lances. With his small force, Lieut. Jenkins succeeded in keeping the Indians at bay until the coach returned to Cow Creek Station, and re-enforcements arrived, with whom Lieut. Jenkins gave chase to the Indians, following them for twenty miles, crossing the Arkansas River, and pursuing them for five miles on the South side. Two of the Indians were killed when the attack was first made on the coach, and fifteen at the crossing of the river, besides a number killed and wounded, whom the Indians succeeded in carrying away with them. A large number of Ponies were killed or captured, also, a large amount of blankets, robes &c, and the enemy's camp with all its equipage.

Lieut. Jenkins' entire loss was two men wounded.

The following are the names of the men, who, with Lieut. Jenkins, so honorably held their ground until re-enforcements arrived.

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Q. M. Sergt. True, Co. I, 2nd Colorado Cavalry.

Privates, Chaffee, " " "

" Daly, " " "

" Heyens, " " "

" Cudding, Co. G, 7th Iowa Cavalry.

" Platte, " " "

" Coburn, " " "

Great credit is due Lieut. Jenkins and these seven men, for the bravery and coolness displayed by them when attacked by such unequal odds.

This order will be published to all the troops in the District, and it is hoped that the same spirit and courage may be displayed by all when the exigency requires it.

By Command of Brv't Brig. Gen. FORD.

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